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SAUDI'S THREATEN TO BREAK  
DIP. RELATIONS WITH U.S.

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BEIRUT (AP) SAUDI ARABIA'S KING FEISAL HAS THREATENED  
TO BREAK OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES IF THE  
UNITED STATES PROVIDES NEW ARMS SUPPLIES TO ISRAEL, THE BEIRUT  
DAILY AL ANWAR REPORTED TODAY.

QUOTING DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN BEIRUT, THE DAILY SAID FEISAL  
SNUBBED THE NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI ARABIA AND ALSO HAD THREATENED  
TO SEVER ECONOMIC TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE PAPER SAID FEISAL TOLD NIXON THERE WAS NO NEED FOR JAMES  
AKINS, NIXON'S NEW ENVOY TO RIYADH TO MAKE HIS SCHEDULED JOURNEY TO  
SAUDI ARABIA SATURDAY.

SAUDI ARABIAN FOREIGN MINISTER OMAR SAQQAF DELIVERED THAT  
MESSAGE IN A 65-MINUTE MEETING WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY  
KISSINGER IN WASHINGTON FRIDAY. THE WHITE HOUSE REFUSED TO COMMENT ON  
THE MEETING.

THE AL ANWAR REPORT SAID THE 67-YEAR OLD MONARCH HAD PERSONALLY  
ASSUMED COMMAND OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN ARMY AND HAD MADE A TOUR OF  
THE ARMED FORCES AFTER THEY WERE PLACED ON THE ALERT EARLIER THIS WEEK.

THERE WERE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS IN BEIRUT THAT FEISAL HAD SENT  
UNITS OF HIS ARMY TO SYRIA TO HELP OUT IN THE FIGHTING THERE.

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